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OPEN LETTER

To the President of the United States: I don't know whether you want the colored vote or not, but there is one thing I do know, and that is the colored voter in 1912 intends to think and act for himself. It looks to me, Mr. President, that both political parties are endeavoring to unload the colored American, and there is nothing for him to do but to make terms with some party for himself.

In speaking of the public school question, Mr. President, and the recommendation you made to Congress to transfer the control of the public schools to the District Commissioners is not approved by the people. Maj. Judson, the Engineer Commissioner, doesn't represent the people. If you will, ask him, Mr. President, to report to you the number of objectionable houses that have been recently erected in close proximity of the colored schools against the wishes of the people.

Also ask him, Mr. President, to give you the number of colored appointments he has made in his office since he has been Commissioner. I mean clerks or messengers, not street cleaners or street sweepers. Also ask him, Mr. President, if a representative place in his office has been given to a colored American since his appointment.

Our public schools, Mr. President, have never been better conducted. The members of the Board of Education serve without pay and they should be given credit for what they do. Maj. Judson doesn't know anything about our public schools. He has no knowledge of the wants of the schools. Why should he meddle, anyway? Does he want to reduce the number of colored teachers?

It seems to me, Mr. President, before you made your recommendation to Congress to transfer the schools to the Commissioners you should have requested the Board of Education to give you an estimate of the expenditures. You will be convinced that you have been misinformed, and when the Board sends you a reply, the source from which you received your first information will be weighed in the balance and found wanting.

The judges of the Supreme Court make every effort to appoint good men and women on the Board of Education. If they make mistakes, it is no fault of theirs, because all men make mistakes; but when the appointing power appoints a man whose record is well known, he is to blame. I cannot see how the public schools can be benefited by transferring their control to the Commissioners.

The people have the most abiding faith in the President, Capt. James F. Oyster, and the Board of Education. The people intend to uphold the Board, notwithstanding your recommendation, Mr. President; and believe me when I say that you have been misinformed.

Hoping that you had a most delightful Christmas, and may the New Year realize a change in your policies.

With respect and esteem, believe me.

Very respectfully,

THE EDITOR.

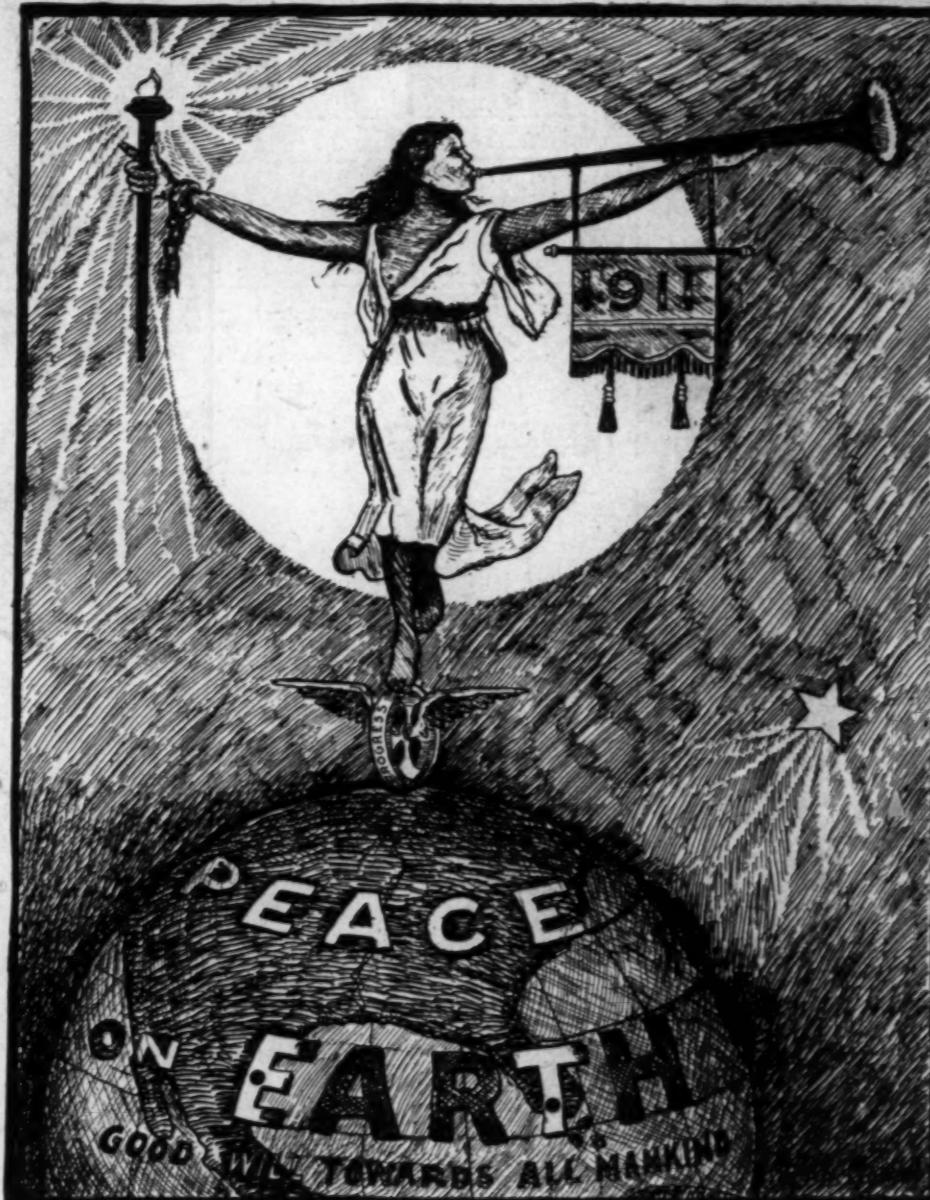
International Conference on Africa.
TUSKEGEE, Ala., Dec. 26.—Booker T. Washington, head of the well-known industrial school for Negroes located at this place, has formulated plans and has recently issued invitations for an international conference at Tuskegee of all persons in Europe or America who are directly or indirectly interested in the education and improvement of the Negro peoples of Africa.

The purpose of this conference will be to bring together not only students of colonial and racial questions, but more particularly those who, either as missionaries, teachers or government officials, are actually engaged in any way in practical and constructive work which seeks to build up Africa by educating and improving the character and condition of the native peoples.

This conference will meet at Tuskegee about the middle of January, 1912. Its purpose will be to get from the people who are on the ground a clearer and more definite notion of the actual problems involved in the redemption of the African peoples; to enable those who are engaged in work in Africa to see for themselves what is being done at Tuskegee in the way of educating the black man, and to enable them to decide for themselves to what extent the methods employed at the Tuskegee school can be used to advantage in Africa.

For a number of years past missionaries from all parts of the world have been coming in increasing numbers to visit and study the methods of the Tuskegee Institute, and it is believed that this conference will prove a welcome opportunity to many others to do the same. It is expected that a permanent organization of "the Friends of Africa" may be effected as a result of this conference, which will aid in organizing, stimulating and directing the work of education and civilization in the Dark Continent.

Negro Segregation in Baltimore.
The constitutionality of the bill for the segregation of Negroes signed this week by Mayor Mahool, of Baltimore, will no doubt be determined in the courts. The legal test can hardly be avoided. People of color everywhere naturally think of the Baltimore ordinance as an indignity to their race, a form of discrimination to be stoutly



"And Ethiopia shall stretch forth her hand and enlighten the world."

Public Men And Things

(By the Sage of the Potomac)
Sixteen years ago to this very day I wended my way over to Anacostia and up Cedar Hill to drink in wisdom at the feet of the Sage of Cedar Hill. In those days I revered Frederick Douglass as one but a little removed from the angels, and I reverence his memory to-day. In those days I frequently, at every opportunity, went out to his home just to listen to the words of wisdom that fell from his lips. I remember the visit of 16 years ago to-day distinctly, for he let fall this sentence when talking on the race question: "Mark my word, young man, our race will make wonderful strides in advancement, and then will follow for a period a reign of discrimination, seemingly harder to bear than what we have already passed through. But we will survive it and rise, for no power can keep the colored man down."

Just now these words of the late masterful Douglass appear prophetic. There appears now a reign of discrimination, and I wonder if we are now in that period. Mr. Douglass prophesied. Notwithstanding all our achievements, in education culture and material possessions, it appears we encounter more prejudices today than we did a decade ago.

I can see Mr. Douglass now as he delivered this sentence. His great, massive frame seated in his big chair; his brow wrinkled with thought. He was a great man, and I received my inspiration from him, and now I recall with great pleasure my frequent visits to him, and the kindly advice he was wont to give me. I pity those who never had the pleasure and honor to visit the sage of Cedar Hill in his own home, and catch the words of wisdom as they dropped from his lips.

I observe that some one, signing himself a "Reader of The Bee," takes exceptions to what I said two weeks ago in my comparison of the men of the present with those of the past. This writing down exceptions reminds me that people are reading me. I am glad of it. I hope "Public Men and Things" will continue to increase in interest and popularity. The gentleman mentions a number of clerks who were in the departments at the time Douglass, Bruce, Lynch and Langston were at their zenith. I recall them all, and just to let you know that I have not forgotten that splendid galaxy of colored clerks, permit me to say that "A Reader" overlooked John C. Dancy, J. C. Asbury, Whitfield McKinlay, Tom Jones and Kelly Miller, who, too, were in the departments in those days, and have since garnered success, and brought in the sheaves of accomplishment.

But those he mentioned, and the four I added, were exceptions rather than the rule. In those days appointments were made through political favoritism, while now one is required to pass an examination, and the result is, and quite natural, too, there are a greater number of bright, brainy, clever colored clerks and messengers in the departments today than in those days, those good old days of Auld Lang Sine. Today we have more graduates of colleges. All those whom "A Reader" enumerates are top-notchers, and they achieved something. Just give the young men of today a little opportunity, and they may equal their brainy predecessors.

shoe-shiner, Ralph Tyler as a Pullman car porter, George Collins as a tile-layer, Dr. Williston as a carpenter, Cyrus Field Adams as a seamstress, Cyrus Evans as a stonemason, Dan Murray as a philanthropist, Kelly Miller as a printer, Rev. Corrothers as a farmer on shares, Rev. Grimes as a plasterer, etc. By all means let us have a trade school, and let's see, as soon as its doors open, that some of its advocates are enrolled as pupils.

Well, I see another Ohioan has got there, Charles Cottrell having been appointed Collector to Honolulu. I wonder what meat these Ohioans feed upon? For hustle-and-get-there, and for "getting-all-the-ripe persimmons," command me to that crowd that call themselves natives of the Buckeye State. None of them ever fail. If they fall into the Potomac they would float to shore with a mouth full of fish and toes full of pearls. They simply can't help themselves. However, I do think they might roll over and give some of the rest a chance to warm their feet.

I ran into Dick Tompkins the other day, and it recalled those dizzy days of the past, when Dick was the arbiter of fashion, the gay Brummell, the entrance to society. In his day, but it has been a few years back, Dick was the nastiest dresser, and the nearest approach to a black Ward McAllister we had. If you got Dick's O. K. everything in society was easy for you, and if you could get your clothes made by the same tailor that made Dick's you were sure to be correctly dressed. Dick was the one "IT" that we had. Then he smoked nothing less than three-for-quarter, and those only semi-occasionally, most usually straight "tenners" and two's. Now Dick pulls on a pipe that is strong enough to raise the Maine from Havana harbor. And I have not seen Dick with a patent leather pair of shoes on since the panic of 1903. He is old sober-sides now—cares little for style and nothing for dress. The whims, fancies, and frailties of youth have been discarded. In those days when we wished to get up anything, it was first "see Dick." He danced divinely, conversed with the pretty wall-flowers like the Duke of Buckingham, dressed like an E. Parry Wall, and spent money like a Vanderbilt. But he is older now, and more sedate. He is still the interesting conversationalist, and the same lover of music, and the same prime bookkeeper of old. As a pace-setter Washington has not produced another Dick, alias Richard Tompkins. We will not call him the "grand old man," even though he wears a hairless patch on top of his head, for Dick does not wish to be included in the "green memory" class. I will just call him one of the "once-was-but-never-again" class, for this class is a sort of indefinite connection between "then and now," but hardly ever eligible for membership in the "down-and-out" class. Ah, there Richard, remember that little drive years ago, and behind your own gelding, too, when you said, "They can't keep a good man down?"

THE NEGRO PROBLEM.
Dr. Washington Sustained in the Town Controlled by Negroes.

To the Editor of the Sun.
Sir: Comments on your editorial article, Dec. 2, by our leading Negro journal, The New York Age, caused me to procure and read carefully what the Sun says on "A Curious Document."

There is no longer any division among a large majority of the thoughtful members of my race on the sentiment you expressed. The Negro race, like others, can make its way to the top only by patience and perseverance, and while a few calamity howlers and a whining incompetent contingent may succeed in creating a bad impression here and there, even to the extent of getting the ear of some across the water, there are enough of us toiling upward in the right, as well as in the day, to make good.

The masses of my people, as well as the leaders in this section, believe in the doctrine preached by Dr. Washington and his kind, and while protesting all the way and at all times against unjust discrimination and insisting on a square deal, yet they trust the American people, North and South, for the final and complete fulfilment of all guaranteed us under the Constitution of this country, the best and most open door to all its people, rich and poor, high and low, upon the face of the earth.

CHARLES BANKS,
Cashier, Bank of Mound Bayou, Miss., Dec. 12.

Foreign Mission Work.
Rev. A. R. Griggs, General Field Secretary of the National Baptist Foreign Mission Board, is in the city, the guest of Rev. I. Toliver, 1145 Twenty-first street northwest. Rev. Griggs preached for Rev. Toliver Sunday, Dec. 25, and will preach for Rev. W. Bishop Johnson at the Second Baptist Church to-morrow evening. He will be in the city several weeks in the interest of foreign mission work. Any pastor wishing his services will call at the above number.

Dr. Washington in Chicago.
Dr. Booker T. Washington on last Sunday a busy round of engagements in Chicago. He delivered a number of addresses, one at the Chicago University, and visited as many as possible of the business places operated by colored people.—Chicago Tribune.

PARAPHRAGMATIC NEWS

(By Miss G. B. Maxfield.)

I wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

One of the largest payrolls ever signed in the Pittsburgh district was signed December 24, and \$7,000,000 was distributed to men who work in the industrial plants.

According to consular reports, in a few years Germany in all likelihood will consume nothing but imported meats. There is an immense decrease noted in the number of animals for slaughter, according to last count, made October 10, 1910.

Jack Johnson sent Christmas greeting telegrams to James J. Jeffries and Tommy Burns, both of whom he came out victorious when in battle.

A series of inoculation experiments which may mark an epoch in the history of abdominal surgery, will shortly be made the basis of a new preventive treatment for peritonitis at one of the great London hospitals.

Admiral George Dewey, the hero of Manila, celebrated his seventy-third birthday anniversary last Monday. Many prominent diplomats and army and navy officials called on the admiral to congratulate him.

John Gray, the inventor, a prominent member of the British Association, has just concluded a long series of experiments in what he calls new phrenology. It is done by having colored light flashes thrown into the eye.

The Wright Company will settle an annuity of approximately \$1,000 upon the widow and children of Ralph Johnstone, the aviator killed in a Wright biplane at Denver, Colo.

John D. Rockefeller sent all the school teachers at the Pocantico Hills and Sleepy Hollow schools a \$10 gold piece.

Miss Helen M. Gould gave a turkey and cranberries to every employee on her estate. She also gave \$5 and \$10 gold pieces to the telephone girls at Tarrytown and Irvington exchanges, and to the express and freight agents.

The Christmas gift of 537 acres of land at Mount Braddock, near Uniontown, Pa., to be used as a site for charitable and correctional institutions, has been announced. The tract is valued at \$100,000.

A colored baseball league, taking in at least five cities, will be formed in Chicago at a meeting held at 5324 State street, at the call of Beauregard F. Moseley, president of the Leland Giants.

Prof. T. Fukushima, a noted Japanese educator, died quite suddenly in Roanoke, Va. He is survived by a wife and one child.

After being confined several years together in jail, the whites and blacks will be separated in the county jail in Georgetown, Del. Jim Crow jail! Just think of it.

Hereafter no white person may move into a block in Baltimore where the majority of the residents are colored, nor may a colored person move into a block where the majority of residents are white. It is expected that this act will be taken to the courts to test its constitutionality.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the American Negro Academy will be held Friday evening at Presbyterian Church. The session will be devoted to exercises commemorative of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Charles Sumner.

Steven Bundy, a colored porter on the New York Central lines, after twenty-seven years of continuous service, has been retired. It is said during his service in the company he has accumulated property that is worth \$140,000.

It is stated the receivers of the Savings Bank, Grand United Order of True Reformers, are ready to report to the chancery court of the city of Richmond. Where is was expected that the assets would amount to from two to three hundred thousand dollars, the actual proceeds will not reach one hundred thousand dollars.

It is claimed by some that Shakespeare was a Frenchman, a native of the old province of Burgundy, and his name was originally Jacques Pierre, which the English turned into Shakespeare.

Samuel and William Mucie, the famous "Christmas twins" of Babylon, L. I., celebrated their ninety-fifth birthday anniversary with their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Both believe they owe their life to the fact that neither has never smoked or tasted intoxicants.

Gen. Pierre M. F. Frederique, one of the leading spirits of the progressive party in Haiti, who for years was identified with Gen. Firmin, is dead at his home in this city. He was forty-four years old.

The population of the Government Hospital for the Insane here June 30, 1910, was 2,916, an increase over the previous year of 64 patients, according to the annual report of the superintendent of that institution.

The Negro Masons of Oklahoma have arranged to build a \$40,000 building at Boley.

Statistics indicate that less than one-fifth of the population of Portugal can read and write.

Harry W. Bass, of the Seventh ward of Philadelphia, will be the first Negro member of the Pennsylvania Legislature. He was elected to the Assembly from the Sixth district. The Seventh ward has a large Negro registration.

A Normal and Industrial School for Negro youths is to be established at Atlanta, Ga. Three hundred and thirty-five acres of land is being purchased for this purpose.

A Turk always stands in the presence of his mother until invited to sit down, a compliment he pays to no one else.

The oldest royal house in Europe is that of Mecklenburg. It traces its descent from Genseric, who sacked Rome in A. D. 455.

Every pleasure is acquired at the cost of suffering. The price of real pleasure is paid in advance; for wrong pleasure one pays after.—John Foster.

Longchump—Did she give any reason for refusing you? Hardly—Reason? No; that's the woman of it. Simply said she didn't love me.

Mrs. Cannibal—You haven't a single redeeming trait. Cannibal—Oh, there's some good in me. I have just eaten a missionary.—New York Press.

Mr. S.—Do you and I agree on anything? Mrs. S.—Yes; each of us believes that one of us is poorly mated.—Illustrated Bits.

"Why do they always make pictures of Cupid without any clothes?"

"So he won't ever be out of style."—Cleveland Leader.

Demosthenes talked with pebbles in his mouth, my son."

"He must have made a rocky speech, pa."—New York Press.

She—How conceitedly that man talks! He is an actor?

He—Worse than that! He's an amateur actor.—Life.

"They say he has a coarse streak in him."

"I should say that he had a refined streak in him."—Puck.

"Do you keep a second girl?"

"No; my wife isn't strong enough to wait on more than one."—Kansas City Journal.

Mrs. Knicker—What did you do when she stole your cook?

Mrs. Suburb—Stole her dressmaker.—New York Sun.

"I am looking for a fashionable overcoat."

"All right, sir. Will you have it too short or too long?"—Flegende Blatter.

Little Girl—What's an intelligence office, mamma? Mother—It's where one goes to find out what wages cooks are charging.—New York Herald.

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When a man tells his wife of an increase in his wages she doesn't burst out in congratulations. She has an absentminded look in her eyes as if calculating just about how many yards it will take for a dress she had hitherto felt that she couldn't afford.—Atchison Globe.

Citizen—What'll you charge me, Uncle Rastus, to cart away that pile of stone? Uncle Rastus—About \$2, sah. Citizen—Isn't that very high? Uncle Rastus—Yes, sah, jes' fo' catchin' away the stone, but I got ter hire a man ter he'p me mahnness de mule.—Harper's Bazaar.

The young man leading a dog walked up to the ticket office of a railway station and inquired:

"Must I—take a ticket for a puppy?"

"No; you can travel as an ordinary passenger," was the reply.—Universal Leader.

"Do you think the climate affects a man's energies?"

"Undoubtedly," answered the leisurely person. "When the weather's cloudy you haven't the ambition to work, and then when it's fair it seems a shame to shut yourself up in an office."—Washington Star.

"Yes, the brother and sister both married for titles."

"I don't understand."

"She married to get the title of countess, and he married to get the title for one of the finest pieces of property to be found in the city."—Cleveland Leader.

Eva—Why did you refuse him?

Edna—He was too economical.

Eva—But I thought you said the young man you accepted would have to be economical?

Edna—But he was too much so. He actually proposed on a postcard.—London Express.

Eggs For Invalids" read the sign at a certain shop.

"What is there unusual about these eggs?" asked a curious observer.

"Why, them eggs are an absolute novelty," said the dealer briskly, adding impressively in awed tones, "them eggs is fresh."—Liverpool Mercury.

The seal of Oliver Cromwell, now in the possession of a prominent family in Wales, is a plain, gold mounted corundum stone five-eighths of an inch in diameter. It dates from 1653 and was used on several of Cromwell's deeds. All the Lord's prayer is engraved on it.—London Gentlewoman.

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Deep Breathing and Character.

We are beginning to learn the value to health and lungs of the habit of "deep breathing." To throw our windows wide open, breathe in fresh air so deeply that not only the lungs, but the whole of the body right down to the hips, is expanded, exercised and bathed with clean air, prevents chest weakness and consumption and helps to cure anaemia and bad temper.—Exchange.

Trousers Legs.

A study of the trousers legs as seen in the photographs of our most noted men brings the smile of contempt from even the most disinterested, and one wonders if anything could be uglier than the concertina folds of the clumsy, elephantine outlined that are there to be seen. Breeches, knickers and kilts are all far more artistic and healthy.—Tailor and Cutter.

A Definite Reason.

An English paper tells of a canny Scot whose neighbor met him fitting. The Scot had wife and children and household furniture piled atop the wagon, and he was solemnly driving his one horse along the street.

"So you're fittin'?" said the neighbor.

"I am. I want to be near me work."

"And where's yer job?"

"I haven't got one yet."

An Easy Riddance.

Mr. Hardrocks—By George, I was relieved this morning! Mrs. Hardrocks—Why, Silas, how? Did somebody pick your pocket? Mr. Hardrocks—No. Young Perkierge came in to see me. I thought he was certainly after our daughter, but he merely wanted to borrow \$10. He'll never bother us any more. I let him have it.—Cleveland Leader.

"Why do you always ride in the smoking car? You don't smoke."

"I ride in the smoking car," replied the man to whom the question was addressed, "to escape from the effusive gratitude of the young women to whom I always have to give up my seat when I ride in the other cars."

But there was a hard, metallic, ironical sort of ring in his voice.—Chicago Tribune.

Giving Himself Away.

"You are married, aren't you?" she asked as they took their seats at the table at the dinner party.

"Yes," he acknowledged. "How did you know?"

"You opened the door for yourself," she answered, "then went through, leaving me to follow, instead of holding it and letting me pass through first."—New York Press.

How It Helped.

"Are you still helping that poor family?"

"I'm trying to help them. I gave the mother some money the other day so that she would feel independent of her drunken husband."

"Well?"

"Well, she had her husband arrested for beating her and then paid his fine with the money I gave her."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Von Bulow's Threat.

So far as the audience was concerned, Von Bulow always made a point of doing exactly as he pleased. On one occasion when a Leipzig audience insisted on recalling him in spite of his repeated refusal to play again he came forward and said, "If you do not stop this applause I will play all Bach's forty-eight preludes and fugues from beginning to end!"

A Living Tomb.

Some of the lamas of Tibet have a custom of allowing themselves to be inclosed in grottoes, so that they would live in darkness for the rest of their lives. Sven Hedin heard of a man who was inclosed at the age of sixteen or seventeen years and lived there sixty-nine years without any communication with the outside world whatever, his food and water being passed underground by a long pole.

Banks of Newfoundland.

Newfoundland would be nothing without that great submarine plateau known as the "banks" on which all the fishing is done. At a small station within the edges of the great bank that the cod loves so well the sea is quite smooth. It is usual for vessels fishing on the bank to inquire from those that have arrived from the open sea as to what sort of weather it is "aboard."

The Five Kakkas.

A set of regulations, intended to distinguish the Sikhs irrevocably from those around them, was the rule of the Five Kakkas. Every Sikh must have with him five things beginning with the letter "F"—viz., kesa (long hair), kangha (a comb), kirpana (a knife), kirapana (a sword) and kacha (breeches reaching to the knee). The purpose of these rules was that every Sikh should avoid shaving, as do Mohammedans and Hindus, and should be constantly armed and free from the long garments that might impede him in a fight.

Ambassadorial Humor.

Following the proclamation of the commune in Paris, General Brackenbury attached himself to the government troops at Versailles, where Lord Lyons, the British ambassador, also was. One day Lord Lyons was persuaded to visit Meudon. He was looking from the window of an empty house when a shell fell and burst in the garden below. Then he said quietly: "Perhaps I had better retire. It would be a diplomatic blunder if her majesty's ambassador were to be killed."—Blackwood's Magazine.

London, Ex-Watering Place.

Time was when London was a watering place, whose wells, if not rivaling Bath or Harrogate, were widely famed and frequented by people from all quarters. In South London there were quite a number of spas, Lambeth wells, which sold water for a penny a quart and gave it to the poor for nothing. St. George's wells, Sydenham wells and Dulwich wells being the best known.—London Graphic.



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THE BEE FOR 1911.

The Washington Bee has no cause to complain on account of the year that has just gone out of existence and never to return again. The leading firms in the city have liberally patronized the columns of this paper, which has been the real defender of the rights of the people. The Bee wants the ninety thousand colored citizens in this city not only give their patronage to their own firms, but to support and patronize the firms that want their patronage and treat them with respect and consideration. Let us disregard color, religion and politics, and go to places that will welcome us. All that any firm wants is for the people, irrespective of color, condition or servitude, to be respectable, act decently, and show good rearing. If there are department stores that discriminate on account of color, go to those stores that don't discriminate. There are drug stores conducted by white and colored people that don't discriminate, and will treat all classes of citizens with respect and consideration. The great drawback to the colored people in this city is the conduct of drunkenness upon the street cars. Our pulpits can remedy this by preaching to the congregations to see to it that their members and their friends behave themselves while in a street car. It is the duty of every man, white or black, to give his seat to a woman, no matter how white or black she may be. Colored citizens should not go where they are not wanted. Social rights cannot be forced by legislation. It is only the so-called half white, lily white colored man or woman who creates the trouble by attempting to force social equality. It is the lower class of white people who imagine themselves better than the most highly respectable and cultured colored citizen. The Bee, therefore, shall pursue a policy that will uphold manhood rights and respectability.

All that The Bee asks for the colored citizens is that they be treated with respect.

The Negro from the cornfield comes to this city and at once endeavors to exercise what he calls his social rights.

The Bee wants to say to this class of individuals that we have no social rights in this city, in so far as wanting to go where they are not wanted. The time has come for the colored man and woman to do something for himself or herself.

When we can have our own department stores, we can then employ many of our boys and girls who graduate from our high and normal schools. Conditions are such, at this time, that make the colored people purchasers, renters and builders by sufferance. The white man says that he will not sell colored people goods, or manufacture them for colored people. What becomes of our boasted independence? What can you do about it? The colored man doesn't exercise his independence with his ballot, which he controls. What can we do to those who control our commodities?

Let us reflect for a few moments.

RECORD OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

Colored Americans having been permitted to be disfranchised in the Southern States under Republican rule.

The appointment of ex-Confed-

erates and Southern Democrats upon the Supreme Court of the United States.

The appointment of ex-Confederates and Southern Democrats in the Cabinet by President Taft.

The declaration of President Taft that he would appoint no colored man to office who may be objectionable to the white people.

Race discrimination permitted upon the railroads South, and the enactment of "Jim Crow" car laws.

The removal of Southern colored office holders in the South from office and the appointment of Democrats and ex-Confederates in their stead.

With such a record for the Republican party to go to the country on in 1912 to capture the colored vote will be bound to be effective. The colored voters throughout the country have opened their eyes, and between now and 1912 they will keep them open.

PRESIDENT TAFT.

Several of The Bee's contemporaries are somewhat surprised at its attitude on the appointment of Mr. Justice White, Lamar and others. The Bee is with the President when he is right, and not with him in the wrong. President Taft cannot expect journals edited by colored men to support his administration when he appoints their enemies to the Supreme Court bench of the United States. Neither the white nor colored Republicans can understand Mr. Taft. The Bee, in common with every journal throughout the country, will not indorse these latest appointments of Mr. Taft. Because the Democratic party in the South is against the appointment of colored men to office, but it is the duty of this Government and this administration to enforce the laws and see that men are recognized according to merit, notwithstanding the color of their skin or their nationality.

Against Him in the Wrong.

From the Columbia (S. C.) Light. The Washington Bee seems to be surprised that President Taft should appoint Associate Justice White Chief Justice, and Judge Lamar, of Georgia, a Justice also. The Bee forgets it's the effect of the Georgia possum supper, and the Louisiana cane juice, lavished on the President during his Southern tours. The natural goodies of the South, dispensed with Southern chivalry and hospitality, will hoodoo any man. Then Taft is a good make-believe Democrat without knowing how to be one. But the Bee is a strong Taft sheet and ought not object to Taft's appointments. It gives Negroes good advice to join the Democratic party when and where it best secures and protects their rights. May the Bee reserve its advice and vote for Harmon or Wilson two years hence.

A Worm Will Turn.

From the Colored Alabamian. The Washington Bee, a "rain or shine" supporter of President Taft and his administration, balked when Mr. Taft appointed an ex-Confederate from a far away Southern State, Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court. The Bee needs to be commended for the uniform way it has stood by the President, and for its loyalty to the Republican party. Bro. Chase's paper is a welcome visitor to our exchange table.

Who Is Bradley? A True Kentuckian!

Political unrest and nervousness is the order of the day. Political prophets are peering into the future in their attempts to discover what 1912 has in store. Political doctors are prescribing all manner of treatment, in order to recover from the shock of November 8th, 1910. Political leaders are talking reorganization, realignment and readjustment of all party differences. Political Independents, footloose and party free, are simply waiting to see whether or not the Democratic party has political sense enough to mend her hold, or whether or not the Republican party will go back to the party platform, and religiously stand upon every plank in the same.

The battle is just ahead; strategic plans are being mapped out, and candidates for 1912 are being weighed in the search for availability in merit, ability, party loyalty, service, personality and geographic fitness.

Geographic fitness is moving westward. It takes no prophetic utterance to say that William Howard Taft, of Ohio, from every viewpoint, with large ability, great judicial stature, the keen insight and innate sagacity of the statesman, will be the unanimous choice of the Republican party to succeed himself, not alone because of his exalted qualities and peculiar personal fitness, but also on account of the unwritten party custom of a Presidential service of two terms.

With William Howard Taft for President, who shall be his running mate in 1912? In the years gone by the Vice Presidential candidate has usually been an unknown and inconsequential figure. He has simply been the fifth wheel to the Presidential wagon; put on with but little idea of any real use, but taken because the law made it mandatory.

But in the years just passed, the importance of the Vice President has grown, and candidates are now being required to be of Presidential size and calibre.

Following this trend of thought, sweeping westward and crossing the Alleghany Mountains, we find our

school at the age of fourteen on account of the breaking out of the civil war; he ran away from home and joined the Union twice, but on account of youthfulness was taken from the service by his father. He was licensed to practice law under special act of the Legislature when eighteen years of age, and has been engaged in the practice of law in the State and Federal Courts of Kentucky and other States, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

The mountains and uplands have always produced men great in stature and mind, they draw in with their breath pure air, pure thoughts, great love, personal liberty, exalted ideas as they climb nature's great heights or traverse her lofty table-lands—looking down with supreme contempt upon the pygmies of life whether physically, mentally, or politically.

A great land produces great men; a great State, great children; and the great State of Kentucky has followed the rule of greatness. Many great men have been rocked in her valleys and reared amid her mountains. The galaxy of our great men is legion.

They went forth to maintain the Union when war's fierce alarm swept over the land from North to South.

They went forth to sit in the Nation's council when the giants of those days assembled to consecrate a new constitution binding the States one and inseparable forever.

They have gone forth filling the highest judicial, legislative and executive functions. They have stood side by side with the best, noblest, and greatest men that America has produced; and not the least among these, the bravest of the brave, the most courageous of the courageous, the plainest of the plain—is William O'Connell Bradley, junior U. S. Senator from the State of Kentucky.

William O. Bradley was born near Lancaster, Ky., March 18, 1847, educated in the ordinary schools, never having attended college, and quitting

calamity which to some extent is a surprise to the editor, but none of the calamities very seldom stop the publication of the paper. Mr. Walter J. Singleton, for whom The Bee entertains the highest respect, has seen fit to take exceptions to a personal paragraph that referred to him in an issue of the paper last week, and in the excitement and on account of his nervous condition writes a letter which will follow this paragraph demanding that the paper be "stopped" and the agent of The Bee call.

Mr. Singleton, who at one time held the exalted position as President of the Young Men's Protective League, one of the strongest and most influential benevolent organizations in the city, was defeated for the exalted position of President about a year ago and accepted the small office as secretary of this great organization. The records of the organization show that he is the only ex-President after having been defeated to accept a minor office.

The Bee jokingly stated last week that he had been defeated by that very dignified and all-around man, Mr. Aldridge Lewis and his cohorts anointed to which the ex-President (now Secretary) took exceptions.

The following men have served with distinction as President, but have never allowed themselves to be elected to minor positions as secretary: W. D. Nixon, A. F. Boston, William B. Harris, James E. Walker, Charles F. M. Browne, Walter J. Singleton, W. Stephen Fuller.

Mr. A. T. Lewis will begin active service as President next month.

The members of the League will read with amusement the letter of Mr. Singleton, which speaks for itself:

W. P. JOHNSON.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.

Sir: The Bee under date of Dec. 24,

1910, first page says "Things That Happened in Y. M. P. L., Aldridge Lewis and his cohorts swept Single

ton from the face of the earth."

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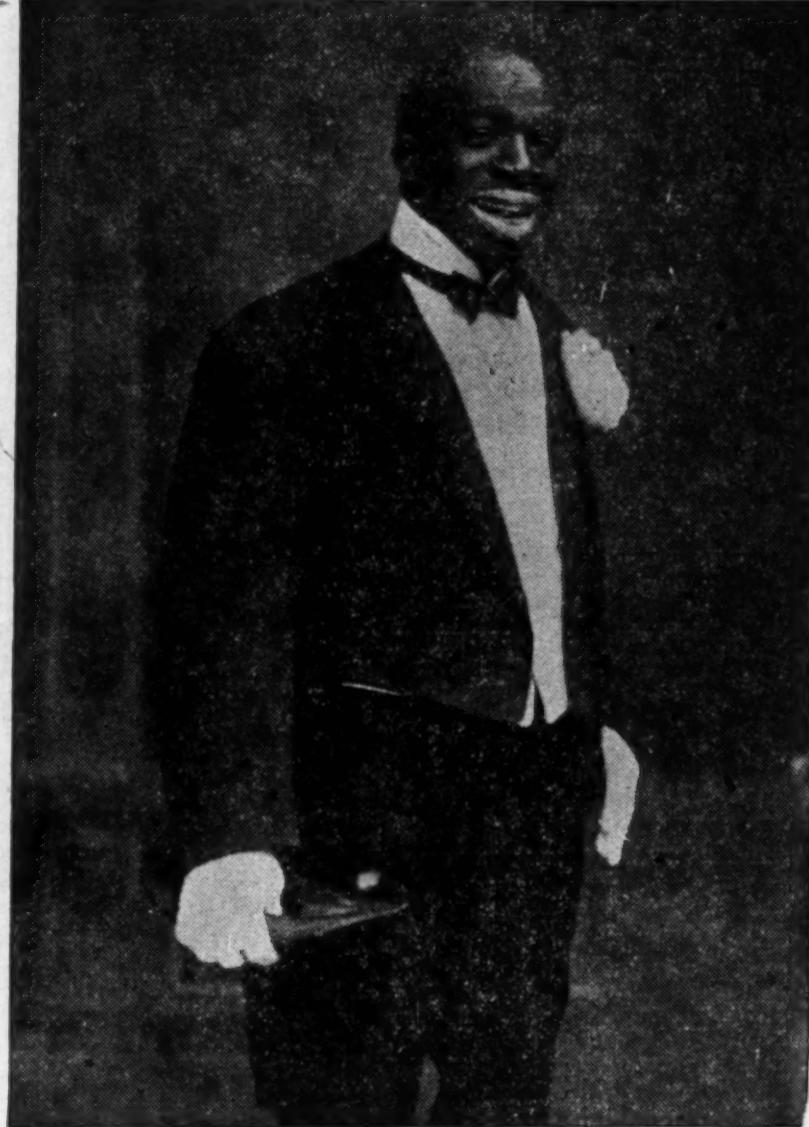
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I served as President of the Young Men's Protective League two terms, 1907 and 1908. Mr. W. S. Fuller served for the year 1909. I was not a candidate against Mr. Lewis in the recent election, but, on the other hand, did all I could to help land him in the Presidential chair.

This is the second time The Bee has used its columns to misrepresent me before the public regarding Y. M. P. L. affairs, and even subscribers are not immune from attacks unwarranted and without foundation. I will be glad to have you send one of your authorized collectors to my residence for the amount due you this year, and discontinue your paper from this date.

Respectfully,

WALTER J. SINGLETON,
Editor, The Bee, 1109 1st N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Death of John Nash.

The funeral of John Nash took place from the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church last Sunday at 2 p.m. Dr. Walter H. Brooks officiating, assisted by Rev. William Walker. The Doctor spoke of the life and character of the deceased's work with the church. Although of a short duration, it was well spent. His text was Jeremiah, 28:16. "This year thou shall surely die." The Doctor urged the Young Men's Protective League and the Coachmen's Union to be ready, repeatedly referring to his text. "Young man," he said—"I am speaking individually to you—remember my text." This year thou shall surely die." Dr. Brooks' text and the manner in which he handled it created a great impression upon his parishioners.

W. Stephen Fuller, President of the Y. M. P. L., was ably assisted by Vice President Arthur F. Boston, W. J. Singleton, W. E. L. Sanford and L. E. Logan.



Going down town? No; not when I can get the richest and most artistic boxes of fine fresh candies, dainty and lasting perfume, high-grade post cards, fine cigars and novelties at the drug store of Board & McGuire, 1912½ 14th street northwest.

Miss Jessie C. Mason will entertain a few friends at tea this evening from 5 to 8 P.M. in honor of Miss Bessie Thomas, of Jersey City.

Miss Virginia Adams is visiting Miss Pearl L. Adams, in Richmond, Va., during the holidays.

Mr. George St. Julian Stephens is spending the holidays in Richmond, Va.

Dr. H. A. Allen, of the Medical Department, Howard University, is visiting his parents in Richmond, Va.

Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Jones, of Charleston, W. Va., are spending the holidays here.

Mr. Alphonzo Burrell is spending a very pleasant holiday with relatives in this city.

Dr. Clarence Wright, of Kansas City, Kans., is spending the holidays in this city.

Miss Florida Scisco, of Baltimore, Md., is visiting friends in this city.

Mr. A. Walker, of Union University, Richmond, Va., passed through our city last week enroute to his home in Virginia.

Mr. John B. Walker, of Howard University, spent a very pleasant holiday at his home in Virginia with his parents.

Mr. J. W. Carter, of Jersey City, spent the week-end in this city and a couple of days of this week with friends. Mr. Carter left for the North Tuesday evening, much pleased with his trip.

Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis is spending the holidays in Kentucky, giving a series of readings.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Mason entertained at dinner Monday afternoon, Miss Bessie Thomas, Mr. John W. Carter, of Jersey City; Mrs. T. A. Middleton, Mr. W. C. English, Miss Brittiana Reed, and Mr. Maurice Williams. Miss Bessie Thomas rendered many beautiful musical selections.

Mr. Richard DeReef Venning, of the Pension Office, is spending the Christmastide in Philadelphia.

Miss Marjorie Miller, of this city, is spending the Yuletide season in Harrisburg, Pa., with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Miller.

Mr. M. U. Clair is visiting his parents in this city during the holidays.

Mr. Clifford Bagnell, of the Census Office, this city, is spending the Yuletide season in Savannah, Ga., with friends.

Mrs. Lucretia Kelley, of this city, spent a part of last week in Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Jessie Fauset, of this city, is spending the holidays in Philadelphia, Pa.

Crowds are taking advantage of the anniversary sale now going on at the Board & McGuire Pharmacy, 1912½ 14th street. Bargains and Christmas presents galore.

Mrs. Gertrude Dabney announces the marriage of her sister, Anna E. Adams, to Dr. Thomas Martin, on Wednesday, December 21. At home after December 27, 405 New York avenue, northwest.

Lawyer L. Melendez King is making many and numerous trips to Richmond and other points on the Tidewater section. The Elks seem to be the drawing card. From all reports something is expected to be doing soon.

Mrs. Kizah Reed, of 1614 11th street northwest, entertained last Monday evening in honor of her niece, Mrs. A. B. Robinson, of Charlotte, N. C., and her nephew, Mr. Benj. Mabre, of Detroit, Mich.

Miss Lillian Burke, a teacher in Downingtown Industrial School, Downingtown, Pa., is visiting her parents during the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Burke.

Rev. Arthur Wallace and wife, are the guests of their parents, Mrs. Jessie Pinkney, during the holidays.

Mrs. Estelle Fendall is visiting her mother, Mrs. S. A. McKinney, of 63 P street northwest.

The conference of colored Endeavorers held last week at Lincoln Temple Congregational Church was attended by three pastors and representatives of eight societies. The work of the Lehmann School of Christian Endeavor Methods was described by Miss Emma Hall, and it was voted to hold a series of conferences for the study of these methods, under the leadership of James R. Moss. Miss Hall also presented the mission study work. The next conference will be held at the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer.

Don't forget to call at the drug store of Board & McGuire and examine the finest assortment of the best perfume and candies in the city from 25 cents to \$5 a box.

Mr. W. O. Goodell, a high-class Postoffice official of Boston, Mass., accompanied by his wife and daughter, Miss Emma, were in the city this week, the guests of Prof. L. B. Moore, of 1813 Thirteenth street northwest. Mr. Goodell is a well-informed and highly-cultured New England citizen. They left for their home in Wednesday after an enjoyable stay in the city of

magnificent distances. Many social functions were tendered these distinguished citizens, which added greatly to their stay and pleasure.

Mr. L. A. Keyes, who has been quite ill with a severe cold, is able to be out again.

Dr. C. T. Brown, who has been the guest of Dr. S. M. Pierre, returned to his home in Orange, N. J., after a very enjoyable stay in this city. Dr. Brown received much social attention during his stay.

Mr. J. Finley Wilson, of Norfolk, Va., is spending several days in this city.

Prof. J. T. Layton, who was seriously injured a few weeks ago, is rapidly improving and out.

Miss Peyton, of the Boston Conservatory, is home during the holidays.

Mrs. Harry Atkins, of 61 Kendall street, Boston, Mass., is the guest of relatives in this city during the Yuletide season.

Messrs. Fisher Haines and Wooten, students of the University of Pittsburg, are spending a very pleasant holiday season here. Mr. Wooten is Mr. Haines' guest.

Mrs. A. W. Curtis, of Chicago, Ill., is the guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Curtis.

Mr. W. L. Clarke, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., is spending the holidays with friends in this city.

Mr. William Hueston, a member of the bar of Kansas City, was quietly married last week to Miss Jennie Robinson, one of the society belles of this city. They will make Kansas City their future home.

Among the visitors to The Bee this week were Mrs. A. B. Robinson, of Charlotte, N. C., and Capt. Isaac F. Norman, of Falls Church, Va. Capt. Norman is one of the oldest veterans of Virginia, and owns one of the largest farms in Falls Church.

Confirming the enterprises of which Messrs. Barton and Wiswell have been renowned in all of their productions, the "Down in Dixie" Minstrels of all star comedians, dancers, singers and musicians, who will be seen at the Howard Theater the week of Jan. 2, beginning with special Monday matinee, and will be found to render nothing but the latest song hits of the season. Each number used by these artists is duly copyrighted, and their exclusive use has been obtained for the entire season for the "Down in Dixie" Minstrels. All of John Rucker's inimitable parodies, Campbell and Warfield, songs and sketches, and the orchestral numbers used by the Gold Seal Cornet Band can only be heard during the limited engagement of the "Down in Dixie" Minstrels.

Then there is the "Band," led by "Vidal," the colored Creator, the band that parades at noon and concertizes before the performances. This is the band that makes all who listen to it move about like the "Mendelssohn Rag."

New Year's Receptions.

It is said the custom of making and receiving New Year's calls will be revived and observed on Monday by the ladies and gentlemen of Washington to a greater extent than for years. Most of the mesdames and young women will keep open house Monday and many of the gentlemen will make calls.

In conformity with the time-honored custom, the Masons, Council, Commandery and Blue Lodge, will keep open house at 604 R street northwest.

Mrs. R. H. Terrell, Mrs. William Hunt, Mrs. A. H. Glenn and Mrs. R. W. Tyler will receive at the home of the latter, 928 T street northwest.

Dr. Amanda Gray's Club of Ladies, who receive each New Year's at True Reformers' Hall, will observe the day as usual.

At home, Monday, Jan. 2, 1910, from 5 to 9 p.m., Mrs. Minta B. Simmons, with Mrs. Susie Smith and Miss Florence Smallwood. The Williams, 1248 Twentieth street northwest, fourth flat.

Miss Lillian Evans, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Evans, will receive at their Vermont avenue home, so it is reported.

Mrs. Lincoln Brown, Mrs. A. M. Curtis, Mrs. Walter Pinchbeck and Mrs. Charles Douglass will receive informally at their respective homes.

In fact, it is said that practically all the matrons and young ladies in Washington will receive informally at the drug store of Board & McGuire and examine the finest assortment of the best perfume and candies in the city from 25 cents to \$5 a box.

Miss Chestnut Honored. On Friday evening, Dec. 23, from 6 to 8 o'clock, Mrs. E. C. Williams received in honor of her sister, Miss Dorothy Chestnut, of Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Williams was assisted in receiving by Madames R. C. Bruce, George Collins and A. H. Glenn. The guests, Misses Eleanor Curtis, Sallie Johnson, Sallie Fisher and Louise

Wormley, also assisted. The Chrysallis Octette, consisting of Misses Imogene Clarkston, Lillian Evans, Louise Howard, Willard Hall, Pearlie Lewis, Evelyn Moss, Adella Parks and Marian Wormley, assisted in serving. The table and dining-room were tastefully decorated in red and Christmas greens.

WEST WASHINGTON NEWS.

Surprise the Pastor of Mt. Zion M. E. Church.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Mt. Zion M. E. Church and a large number of the members and friends of the church presented to the Rev. Hayes and his family a handsome Christmas surprise last week with everything necessary for a Christmas dinner. Rev. Hayes, who was taken by surprise, responded to the address of Mrs. Jennie Locke, the president, and said he and his family deeply appreciated their friendly and pleasant visit.

The Christmas exercises by the Mt. Zion M. E. Church, First Baptist Church and Ebenezer A. M. E. Sunday schools were of a very interesting nature on Sunday afternoon and evening, and were largely attended.

Miss Ransom Entertained.

Miss Kathleen Ambler entertained Monday, December 26, in honor of Miss Louise Ransom, of Millersburg, Pa. Among those present were Dr. and Mrs. Penn, Dr. and Mrs. Barrier, Mr. and Mrs. Weir, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Webb, Misses Laura Wilson, Minnie Wilson, Nellie Washington, Essie Fearing, Edith Wright, Edith Savoy, Ruth Piper, Marian Wormley, Charlotte Lovett, Georgia Frasier, Caroline Cromwell, Eva Browne, Marion Scott, Jennie Taylor, Irene Taylor, Ray Farley, Sallie Fisher, Irene Scott, Anna E. Thompson, Olive Ambler, Drs. Wright, of Kansas City, Mo., Roberts, Wilson, Tancil, Messrs. Savoy, Monroe, Clifford, Scurlock, Lucas, Turner, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Parker, of Newark, N. J.; R. Weir, Speller Mellinger, Taylor, Heward, Dorsey and Barker.

BLACKVILLE CORPORATION.

J. Lubrie Hill and His New Play Receive an Ovation—The New Howard a Brilliant Scene of Washington's Best Society Monday Night.

Long before the curtains at the New Howard Theater went up last Monday night every seat in the theater was taken. Mr. J. Lubrie Hill, the great composer and actor, presented to the people of this city a new musical comedy, entitled "The Blackville Corporation," in three acts. Many of the actors in this play were in "Our Friend From Dixie," who have become favorites with the people. Mr. Hill is a natural born actor himself, as well as an author. His conception of the Negro characteristics is perfect. Mr. Hill knows the colored brother, and in this comedy he portrays him to perfection. He plays one of the principal characters, and in it he portrays the true characteristics of a disagreeable and fussy Negro who is satisfied with nothing.

In act I, Mr. Hill introduces himself as the chairman, president, and would-be secretary of the Blackville Corporation. This corporation negotiates to purchase a lot of land from Jasper Jenkins, a rich darky land owner. Mr. Louis A. Mitchell, as The Bee has said time and again, is the best made-up old man upon the stage. He knows his character and can play it. His acting and singing never fail to elicit applause. Miss Mamie Butler, as Matilda Jenkins, his wife, is quite natural as an elderly lady. Mandy and Dianna Jenkins, Misses Evon Robinson and Leona Marshall, and Cynthia Jenkins, Miss Hattie Ackers, daughters of Matilda and Jasper Jenkins, Rubin Jenkins, his brother, Apple Jackman, Coleman Miner. All of these made great hits. Miss Marshall, in her song, "Sue Simons," was called to the front three times. Miss Robinson is good in drama, and her make-up is perfect. She presents a most beautiful figure on the stage. Her costume in the third act, also that of Miss Marshall, are handsome, and their hats give them the appearance of girls of the period. Mr. Charley Woody, in "Sweetness," was rendered with effect. He is a dignified actor any way. He carries himself with so much dignity. Mr. Louis Mitchell, in the rain song, had its effect. He carried the house Monday night. No one would believe that Mr. Mitchell could be transformed from a young and handsome man to an old broken up crippled farmer. Mr. David Taylor is a Washington boy. He is the son of Rev. J. Andrew Taylor. He takes the character of Exeter. He acts and sings well. He was applauded profusely in his song rendering. Brown and Shelton, in the first act, rendered very acceptably a song entitled "Enjoy Yourself With Me." Miss Evon Robinson sang very sweetly. "Honey Bunch," the Warmest Baby in town, was sung by William Brown. This is in the second act in which Miss Robinson, Miss Marshall and Miss Butler display such gorgeous dresses. The display and singing show that the company had been thoroughly trained under the master hand of J. Lubrie Hill. The chorus, by the entire company, is no doubt the best in the business, and Mr. Hill deserves credit for giving the people such an entertaining show.

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when he is making love to Mandy Jenkins, sang most effectively "Why Do You Wait for To-morrow." He was recalled.

Mr. Richard Shelton, in the third act, sang a song that carried the house. He was called to the front three times.

The Blackville Corporation.

Mr. J. Lubrie Hill is the author and composer. It is full of fun from beginning to end. Mr. Hill is the star character in this burlesque. It shows the ignorance as well as the intelligence of the Negro. Mr. Hill, who assumes the character of president, chairman and treasurer, makes himself one fussy and disagreeable individual. His secretary, who comes in late and leaves before the business is finished, Mr. Robert Murray, is ludicrous. The vast audience was carried away by the fun that is displayed in this scene. Here is where Mr. Hill shows up many parts of the Negro, and concludes by getting the best of the white man in his park scheme, which is sold to the railroad for a large sum.

The lawyer of the Corporation is Mr. George Price, Jr., who takes the character of Tom Collins. Tinny Ray takes the character of Moses Lewis, drinking member of the Corporation. He is too drunk to know what is going on.

The Corporation, when in session, displays lots of fun, especially Bro. White, Charley Olden, who continually makes ridiculous motions, and the most sensible motion that he made declared the chairman was the one to adjourn for dinner, especially after Jasper Jenkins informed the Corporation what he had for dinner.

The music for this play was written and prepared by that well known and famous musical composer, Mr. Will Vodery, the leader of the Howard orchestra. Those who have not seen the play should go because there is lots of fun. The Bee congratulates Mr. J. Lubrie Hill and his excellent company on the great ovation that he and his company received Monday night and throughout the week. It is quite evident that the people of Washington will reward merit, and it is their wish that Mr. Hill and his company will have a successful tour of the Blackville Corporation.

Miss Quetta Watts, who takes the character of Mrs. Sparks, the preacher's wife, is entitled to special mention; also are the following members of the Corporation, who took their respective parts well, and deserve commendation. The entire company cannot help from succeeding, because it is a first-class combination.

Other members of the Corporation are Bro. White, Charley Olden; Bro. Black, Raley Gibson; Bro. Brown, James Wright; Bro. Green, George Howard; Bro. Simons, Aurtha Carr.

Next week, the "Dixie Minstrels."

Secure your seats now.

While minstrelsy is quite the oldest form of theatrical entertainment, its purveyors have come to be recognized as the most up to date and advanced method. Each year's offering seems to have reached the pinnacle of perfection, and still by the time a new season rolls around these wide-awake managers always have something better, bigger and more novel to offer. This season's Barton and Wiswell's "Down in Dixie" Minstrels promises to reveal a minstrel entertainment with more comedians, singers, musicians and specialties than have ever been seen before in one aggregation.

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PERILS OF EXPLORERS.

Tragic Journey Across a Desert of Central Asia by the Great Swedish Explorer, Sven Hedin.

One of the most trying of the central Asian adventures of Sven Hedin, the Swedish explorer, was this: In February, 1895, Sven Hedin started eastward, exploring the country between the Kashgar and Yarkand rivers, proceeding in April to cross the Takla Makan desert, between the Yarkand and Khotan rivers. Never before had any known traveler attempted to exploit a course amid the eternal sea of shifting sand hills from river to river. The tale of that little, travel worn, bedraggled group, far beyond the last watering place, enveloped in dust, stumbling along through the dreary but agitated desert sea by crooks and roundabout ways, with desolation spread around and every trace of life departed, was a weird and pathetic one. "Not even a fly was to be heard in the air, not even a yellow leaf broke the monotony."

And ever at their head was the sturdy figure of the Swedish explorer, compass in hand, still enthusiastic, guiding them as best he could through the death shrouded wilderness. At length the camels had to eat their straw saddles, and the last of the bread was gone. Horrors followed. As men and camels dropped out of the line they were immediately enveloped in the whirling sand shroud and never seen again.

The end came on May 5, when Sven Hedin, crawling on all fours, dragged himself across the dry bed of the Khotan river. "All of a sudden a duck flew into the air and water splashed," he wrote. Two of his followers were all that survived, and it is doubtful whether even those two would have lived to tell the tale had not Sven Hedin carried back water for them in his boots.

MARKED THEIR TRAIL

Two Brave Women Who Outwitted a Band of Indians.

One summer afternoon in 1776 Jimmie Boone and two sisters named Callaway while boating on the Kentucky allowed their canoe to drift close to the opposite bank. Here, behind a bush, five Shawnee warriors were in hiding, and, although the spot was not more than a quarter of a mile from Boonesborough, one of the Shawnees struck boldly out into the water, seized the canoe and dragged it to shore with its screaming occupants.

Once in the power of the Indians, however, these youthful daughters of the wilderness betrayed a wonderful self possession and resourcefulness. They knew enough of Indian customs to realize that if their strength failed them and they should prove unequal to the long march to the Shawnee towns on the Ohio they would be slaughtered mercilessly. So they stilled sob and calmly accompanied their captors without protest or struggle. At every opportunity, though, they secretly tore little pieces from their clothing and attached them to bushes on the trail. Nothing more was needed to inform Boone and his fellow settlers, who had quickly started in pursuit, that they were on the right track, and on the second day of the captivity they caught up with the Indians. A volley laid two Shawnees low, the rest fled, and by the close of another day the girls were safe in the arms of their thankful mothers.—H. Addington Bruce in *Smith's Magazine*.

Stories of W. S. Gilbert. When Sir Henry Irving and Edwin Booth were acting together in London at doubled prices, the story goes that Mr. Herman Verzin, meeting W. S. Gilbert in the street, asked him whether he had been to this quite exceptional show. "No," said Mr. Gilbert; "I have sometimes paid half a guinea to see one bad actor, but I will not pay a guinea to see two."

Mr. Beerbohm Tree was playing the part of Falstaff at the London Haymarket, and the indispensable stuffing made him perspire profusely. Mr. Gilbert, who was in the theater, went behind the scenes to see the actor, who may well have been expected to be congratulated on the excellence of his impersonation.

"How well your skin acts!" said Mr. Gilbert.—*London Graphic*.

Peter the Great as a Drinker.

There is preserved in the Bodleian Library, Oxford, an innkeeper's bill for breakfast eaten in England by Peter the Great of Russia. The czar and his twenty companions managed to dispose of half a sheep, a quarter of lamb, ten pullets, twelve chickens, three quarts of brandy, six quarts of mulled wine, seven dozen of eggs, with salad in proportion. Peter was always hard drinker. He would drink a pint of brandy and a bottle of sherry for his morning draft; after dinner he managed eight bottles of sack, "and so to the playhouse." But his favorite drink was hot pepper and brandy.

He Had the Bill.

Tom (in restaurant)—Excuse me, old man, but would you mind paying my check? I haven't anything but a forty dollar bill. Jack—A forty dollar bill! Why, I never heard of a bill of that denomination. Tom—Here it is—a bill from my tailor!—*Chicago News*.

To Fresh Eyes.

Willie, accompanied by his father, was visiting a circus and menagerie. "Oh, papa," the boy exclaimed as they passed before an elephant. "Look at the big cow with her horns in her mouth eating hay with her tail!"—*Christian Register*.

There is nothing so utterly hollow as a kind word that should have been spoken yesterday.—*Evangel*.

As the Twig Bends.

Kendall had a son who was the pride of his heart. One day he found one of his favorite cherry trees cut down.

"Jack," he said, "did you do that?" With quivering lip Jack replied: "Father, I can't deceive you. I did not cut the tree down. Billy Brown did it, but I bossed the job."

Tears of joy sprang into the father's eyes. "Bless you, my boy," he said. "Billy will be president of the United States, but you will be chairman of the national committee."—*Success Magazine*.

The Gargoyle.

The word "gargoyle" is closely akin to "gargle," for "gargoyle" is simply the French "gargouille" (throat). It was a good name for the architectural monster through whose mouth the rainwater was carried off. But all idea of the throat had disappeared in the terrible Gargoyle de Rouen, the dragon which wasted a French district until St. Romanus threw it into the Seine. In after generations a huge sham gargoyle used to be carried round the city once a year in memory of this deliverance.

Something Wrong.

"Oh, dear, John, I just know I shall not like this dress!"

"What's the matter now?" asked her husband without laying down his pipe or looking from his paper. "I thought you said you liked it."

"That's just it. I was so sure I wouldn't like it when I got it home, though I liked it well enough in the store. And now that I am home I do like it, and therefore I know I will not like it when it is made up. Now I don't know what to do."

"Search me," grunted the cruel man, turning to the sporting page.—*Puck*.

Diamond Cut Diamond.

A Quaker was negotiating with an insurance agent as to effecting a policy on a vessel overdue. At this juncture he heard of the vessel's loss and wrote at once to the agent of the company:

"Friend, if this hasn't filled up the policy you needn't, for I've heard of the ship."

"Eh," said the officers, "cunning fellow. He wants to do us out of the premium." So they wrote to the Quaker:

"Thou art too late by half an hour. Thy policy is filled up."

Stromboli's Flames.

Stromboli rarely pours out streams of lava, for this Aeolian crater vomits flame persistently and cinders spasmodically. The "lighthouse of the Mediterranean" has been known to stick to its function of torchbearer for the space of 2,000 years. When the tiny, regular eruption takes place the stones drop back again into the crater. While the ancients regarded Stromboli variously as the smithy of Vulcan and the headquarters of Aeolus, the men of the middle ages looked upon it as the main highway to purgatory.

What Telepathy Is.

Telepathy is the transference of emotions and sensations between souls, while thought transference is the transmission of words, ideas or images from mind to mind. Thus telepathic communication is possible only between persons of a certain degree of soul development and between whom there is a degree of emotional sympathy, while in transference of thought one dominant, positive mind may affect another without there being any degree of sympathetic vibration between them.—*Svastika*.

The Earth's Crust.

The solid crust of the earth is about twenty-five miles thick, and it floats upon a denser substratum, which is fluid or at least plastic. The crust of the earth may therefore be compared to an ice floe resting on the ocean and the mountains to icebergs imbedded in it. Just as an iceberg floats with only a small proportion of its bulk above the surface of the water, so the hills as we know them are merely the crests of huge bergs that float, almost wholly submerged, in a denser substratum.—*Captain Craster in New Quarterly Review*.

Eating Oysters.

Surely the queerest way of cooking an oyster is that mentioned in the year 1672, when Richardson, the fire-eater, took a live coal on his tongue; on this he put a raw oyster in its shell, while an attendant blew upon the coal with bellows until it flamed and sparked in his mouth. This continued until the oyster opened and was perfectly cooked.

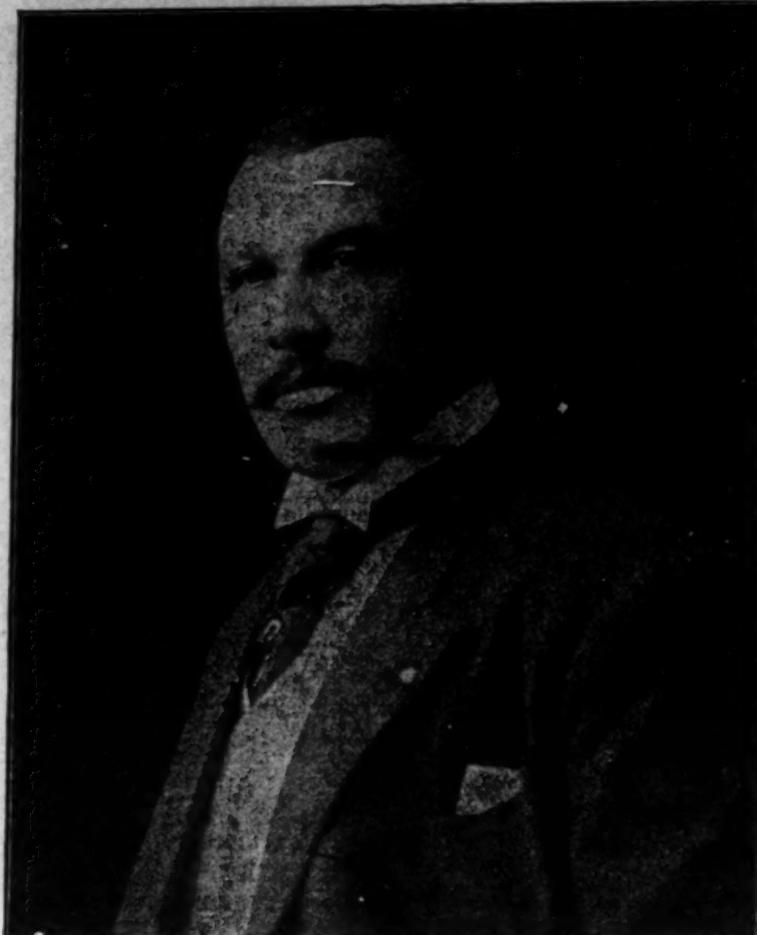
The European Magazine for 1806 contains an account of a young lady at Brighton who undertook to eat for supper the amazing quantity of 300 oysters, with a certain amount of bread and butter. This feat she performed, greatly to the astonishment of all present.

Armor Plated Pawnshops.

The inside of a Chinese pawnshop is a terra incognita to most people, Chinese and English. Few are admitted within its mysterious walls except those directly connected with the business.

A traveler was recently permitted to inspect one in an inland town and was surprised to find the entire building incased in sheet iron about one-eighth of an inch thick. It must have cost a large sum to build an iron house within the usual lofty brick edifice, yet there it was, even to the roof.

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No expert will pass judgment on a cigar until he has lighted it and smoked it well down toward the middle.

The first and most important point upon which he bases his opinion is the "burn." Tobacco may have every other virtue, but if it does not hold the fire and burn evenly it is poor tobacco. Next in order of importance comes the aroma—the smoke must have a pleasing "smell;" next comes the flavor—the smoke must be smooth and not "scratchy" or bitter. Then there is the color—rich brown, indicating a ripe leaf, well cured—and last is workmanship—good if the wrapper is put on smoothly and the "bunch" is made so that the cigar "draws" freely and is neither too hard nor too spongy, bad if the reverse.—Bohemian Magazine.

AN EPISTOLAR HINT.

In the letter from Boston was a special delivery stamp.

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"That stamp," said the man, "is a delicate hint to be quick about answering. It is a hurry up device used by many men. It is very effective. A two cent stamp does not always spur one on to any special effort, but a special delivery stamp means that the writer wants what he wants when he wants it, and the most dilatory correspondent alive is not going to let any grass grow between the scratches of his pen when answering."—New York Press.

ROMANCE OF HISTORY.

These Things Read Like Legends, but
Are Matters of Fact.

A peasant girl called half witted did promise to defeat the victory of Agincourt and did it; it ought to be a fact. A poet and a poetess did fall in love and eloped secretly to a sunny clime; it is obviously a three volume novel, but it happened. Nelson did die in the act of winning the one battle that could change the world; it is a grossly improbable coincidence, but it is too late to alter it now. Napoleon did win

There are X rays and Y rays, and there are also rays from those mantle things that you put on gas burners to improve the light." The speaker, a photographer, pointed to a batch of rotted plates. "I know to my cost that there are mantle rays," said he. "For a month I stored new plates in a closet along with a mantle, and all of them got fogged. The mantle, you see, contained thorium, a radio-active substance that penetrates a cardboard plate as easily as it penetrates glass. I didn't know that till my doctor told me so last week. My ignorance cost me over a hundred plates."—New York Press.

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THE DESIRE FOR APPEARANCE.

The Village Grocer (peevishly)—Look here, Aaron! What makes you put the big apple in the top of the bar? The Honest Farmer (cheerfully)—What makes you comb that long scalp lock over your bald spot?—Puck.

PAID.

Miss Belle (warningly)—Sally, they used to tell me when I was a little girl that if I did not let coffee alone it would make me foolish. Sally (who owes her one)—Well, why didn't you?—Life.

ON HIS BIRTHDAY.

He—The worst thing about me is my nose. I've got such a beastly one. She—You shouldn't say such things about a gift. He—A gift? I—ah—don't understand. She—Wasn't it a birthday present?—New York Journal.

WHEREVER WE MEET MISERY WE OWE

PITY.—Dryden.

ANSWERED THE LETTER.

A Politician Won a Bet That American Statesmen Reply to Courteous Letters From the Humblest Citizens.

There is, or was a few years ago, a neatly framed letter hanging in the consulting room of a Brooklyn doctor which he found in his mail one winter morning. It ran as follows:

Princeton, Jan. 12, 1868.

Dear Sir—I cheerfully accede to your request and acknowledge the compliment paid to my wife and daughter by bestowing their names upon your own twin daughters, and I hope these children may be spared to be of constant comfort to their parents. Sincerely yours,

GROVER CLEVELAND.

The young doctor's brain whirled. Being a bachelor and having no acquaintance with the former president, he could not understand it at all.

The mystery was solved when a friend of the doctor's, a Brooklyn politician, met him. The politician had made a bet with a cynical acquaintance that any American statesman would personally reply to a courteous letter from the humblest of his countrymen. The cynic took him up and named Grover Cleveland. The terms of the bet were that the answer to a letter mailed on Jan. 3 must be received before Jan. 25. Signing the young doctor's name, the politician wrote of how his marriage had been blessed by twin daughters. Would it be asking too much for an autograph letter to frame which the sweet twins could look upon and read when they grew up and cherish ever afterward?

Mr. Cleveland courteously and promptly answered the letter, and the politician won his bet.—New York Tribune.

ROYAL MAIDS.

It is They Who Must Always Do the Proposing When They Wish to Marry.

When a reigning queen is to be married she must be the one to broach the subject first to her future consort. The same rule holds good with regard to all royal ladies who marry commoners.

The late Queen Victoria has told how she managed to "put the question" to Prince Albert—how she first showed him Windsor and its beauties and the distant landscape and then said, "All this may be yours." The Queen of Holland on a like occasion simply sent a sprig of white heather, begging Prince Henry to look out its meaning in a book of flowers and their meanings. The Duchess of Argyll took the Marquis of Lorne: She was about to attend a state ball and gave it out that she would choose as her partner for the first dance the man she intended to honor. She selected the marquis, who subsequently became her husband.

But perhaps the most interesting of all ways chosen was that of the Duchess of Fife. She took the earl, as he then was, to a drawer and showed him its contents. There he saw a number of trifles he had given her at different times, including sprigs of several kinds of flowers, now dead, he had picked for her at various times. He was much impressed at the sight, nor did it require words on her part to make her meaning plain.—London Answers.

ADENOIDS.

The Way These Growths Endanger the Health of Children.

Adenoids are curious little cauliflower-like growths which appear at the junction of the nasal cavity and the pharynx. They are often observed at birth, but they seldom cause discomfort until some months later. Then they interfere with respiration and cause the baby to be restless. It tosses in its sleep and wakes suddenly, crying out as if in distress.

If adenoids are permitted to remain they deform the mouth, teeth, throat, chest and face. At their worst they produce pop eyes and what is called a frog face. They cause mouth breathing, with all its attendant evils.

A slight operation suffices to remove them. The baby suffers little pain and loses little blood. Out they come, and with them the overgrown tonsils that commonly accompany them. If they are suffered to remain they may never be discovered. But it is certain that in one way or another, directly or indirectly, they will cause damage.—Dr. Leonard Keene Hirshberg in Delineator.

YARMOUTH'S NARROW STREET.

Kitty Witches row, Great Yarmouth, can justly claim to be the narrowest street in the world, the entrance at one end being only twenty-nine inches and at the other fifty-six inches. It gives some idea of the width when one mentions that neighbors can shake hands and put out each other's candles across the street! Why these rows have been so constructed has given rise to a good deal of discussion. Some writers give the reason that when there was a very high tide the water might flow through them; others, in the event of an invasion they would prove an excellent means of defense or that the ground plans of the rows were suggested by the fishermen's nets, which, spread on the dunes to dry, had a narrow pathway left between them, which represented the rows. Yarmouth has 145 rows, and their total length exceeds seven miles, Kitty Witches being the most interesting and the narrowest of all.

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Lord Melbourne once announced to Faraday that it was his pleasure duty to offer him a pension, but he added, "I suppose all this science is humbug." Faraday at once replied, "If that is your opinion, my lord, I decline the pension," and retired. Melbourne, on meeting some of his colleagues, said: "I have had a strange thing happen. A man has declined a pension." But these gentlemen knew Faraday's position and reputation better than the premier and urged him to rectify the blunder.

John H. Myers, Attorney.
SUPREME COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, holding Probate Court, No. 17388, Administration. This is to give notice: That the subscriber, of the District of Columbia, has obtained from the Probate Court of the District of Columbia, Letters of Administration on the estate of George W. Edwards, late of the District of Columbia, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit same, with the vouchers thereof, legally authenticated, to the subscriber, on or before the 23d day of December, A. D. 1910; otherwise they may be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 23d day of December, 1910.
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Mr. Mason S. Lowery, who for a number of years was in the catering business on 18th street northwest, died Sunday last, and was buried Wednesday. His funeral took place from Mt. Zion M. E. Church, and was largely attended. He was a charter member of Widow Son Lodge of Masons, who attended in a body. Grand Master Weatherless spoke of him as an honored citizen and a worthy member of the craft. Rev. D. W. Hayes officiated, and was assisted by Rev. M. W. Clair, Rev. Walter J. Brooks, and J. M. Waldron. Interment was in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Wasn't this a strong combination that supported A. T. Lewis. Who are they? Let's see: Capts. A. L. Jackson, Edward Holland, W. J. Singleton, H. W. Jackson, Lieuts. William B. Harris, Ed. Allen, W. E. L. Sanford, Washington Hamilton, A. L. Alexander, Jim Jackson and others. How could you beat them?

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